

Page 1, before line 5, the paragraph beginning with "Figure 1 shows", insert the following title:

--BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION--.

Page 3, before line 16, the paragraph beginning with "According to one aspect", insert the following title:

--SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION--.

Page 5, before line 22, the paragraph beginning with "The present invention", insert the following paragraph and title:

-- Other objects and features of the present invention will become apparent from the following detailed description considered in conjunction with the accompanying drawings. It is to be understood, however, that the drawings are intended solely for purposes of illustration and not as a definition of the limits of the invention, for which reference should be made to the appended claims.

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS--.

Page 6, before line 1, the paragraph beginning with "Figure 2 shows", insert the following title:

α² --DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE PRESENTLY PREFERRED EMBODIMENTS--.

Delete the paragraph from page 13, line 6 to line 10, beginning with "The present invention", and insert therefor the following paragraph:

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--Thus, while there have been shown and described and pointed out fundamental novel features of the present invention as applied to a preferred embodiment thereof, it will be understood that various omissions and substitutions and changes in the form and details of the devices described and illustrated, and in their operation, and of the methods described may be made by those skilled in the art without departing from the spirit of the present invention. For example, it is expressly intended that all combinations of those elements and/or method steps which perform substantially the same function in substantially the same way to achieve the same results are within the scope of the invention. Substitutions of elements from one described embodiment to another are also fully intended and contemplated. It is the intention, therefore, to be limited only as indicated by the scope of the claims appended hereto.--

Page 14, line 1, delete "CLAIMS" and insert therefor --What is claimed is:--

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend 3 to read as follows:

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3. A telecommunication system as claimed in claim 1, wherein the said factors include the quality of at least part of both the first and second routes.